**Financial Assistance to set up Palm Oil Mill in Andhra Pradesh**

2044. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:
SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has asked for financial assistance to set up a palm bil mill in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(c) the assistance proposed to be given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Non-implementation of RPDS in Assam**

2045. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of non-implementation of revised Public Distribution System in Assam;

(b) if so, whether it will be implemented or not.

(c) if it will be implemented, then what is the timeframe; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government of Assam has implemented the Targeted PDS w.e.f. 1st of June, 1997.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

**Need of additional storage requirement during the Ninth Five Year Plan**

2046. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of godowns of the Central Warehousing Corporations and State Warehousing Corporations alongwith their storage capacity, State-wise;

(b) whether the Planning Commission has set up any working group to assets the need of additional storage requirement during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details theroef alongwith the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) As on 1-5-1997 Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) was operating 464 warehouses with a total capacity of 71.54 lakh MTs. Similarly 16 State Warehousing Corporations (SWC) were operating 1380 warehouses with a total capacity of 111.14 lakh MTs. on the same date. State-wise storage capacity of CWC and SWCs are given in the Statements I & II respectively. (See below).

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. The Planning Commission constituted a Working Group on "Strengthening of Agricultural Infrastructure, Warehousing, Marketing, Packaging, Rural Godowns, Rural Markets etc." for Ninth Five Year Plan. The recommendations of the Working Group would be taken into account by the Planning Commission in formulating the Ninth Five Year Plan.

**Statement-I**

*State wise storage capacity with central warehousing corporation alongwith no. of warehouses as on* 1.5.1997.

*(in lakh tonnes)*

| S. No. | State/U.Ts. | No. of Warehouses | Capacity (Covered & CAP) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 54 | 11.01 |
| 2. | Assam | 6 | 0.45 |
| 3. | Bihar | 16 | 1.56 |
| 4. | Goa | 2 | 0.17 |
| 5. | Gujarat | 26 | 3.15 |
| 6. | Haryana | 16 | 2.09 |
| 7. | Himachal Pradesh | 2 | 0.05 |
| 8 | Karnataka | 22 | 1.94 |
| 9. | Kerala | 5 | 0.70 |
| 10. | Madhya Pradesh | 39 | 6.85 |
| 11. | Maharashtra | 74 | 11.11 |
| 12. | Manipur | — | — |
| 13. | Mizoram | 1 | 0.01 |
| 14. | Nagaland | 1 | 0.13 |
| 15. | Orissa | 10 | 1.32 |
| 16. | Punjab | 31 | 6.19 |
| 17. | Rajasthan | 16 | 1.70 |
| 18. | Tamil Nadu | 26 | 6.08 |
| 19. | Tripura | 2 | 0.24 |
| 20. | Uttar Pradesh | 53 | 9.50 |
| 21. | West Bengal | 46 | 5.55 |
| 22. | Chandigarh | 1 | 0.13 |
| 23. | Delhi | 14 | 1.50 |
| 24. | Pondicherry | 1 | 0.11 |
| | TOTAL : | 464 | 71.54 |

*Note* :—Includes a capacity of 15.23 lakh tonnes hired out to FCI.

**Statement-II**

*State-wise storage capacity with central warehousing corporations alongwith number of warehouses as on* 1.5.1997.

*(in lakh tonnes)*

| S. No. | State/U.Ts. | No. of Warehouses | Capacity (Covered & CAP) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 74 | 5.45 |
| 2. | Assam | 39 | 2.34 |
| 3. | Bihar | 49 | 2.40 |
| 4. | Gujarat | 49 | 1.51 |
| 5. | Haryana | 105 | 9.95 |
| 6. | Karnataka | 96 | 4.01 |
| 7. | Kerala | 64 | 1.91 |
| 8. | Madhya Pradesh | 309 | 14.44 |
| 9. | Maharashtra | 129 | 8.80 |
| 10. | Meghalaya | 5 | 0.11 |
| 11. | Orissa | 74 | 2.25 |
| 12. | Punjab | 115 | 31.15 |
| 13. | Rajasthan | 78 | 4.96 |
| 14. | Tamil Nadu | 62 | 6.21 |
| 15. | Uttar Pradesh | 100 | 13.03 |
| 16. | West Bengal | 32 | 2.62 |
| | TOTAL : | 1380 | 111.14 |

*Note* :—Includes a capacity of 15.81 lakh tonnes hired out to FCI.

**Rice Worth of Rs. 1400 crores missing from PDS**

2047. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news appeared in dion Express dated 3rd July, 1997 t the rice worth Rs. 1400 crores missing from the Public Distribution System (PDS);

(b) if so, whether the Cabinet Committee ordered special audit into the discrepancy in rice stock figures of Food Ministry and FCI; and

(c) if so, the finding of that special audit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The